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Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
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RE: Proposed In-Center Hemodialysis Facilities

- #17-013 - Geneva Crossing Dialysis (Carol Stream, Illinois)
- #17-014 - Rutgers Park Dialysis (Woodridge, Illinois)
- #17-015 - Stone Quarry Dialysis (Hodgkins, Illinois)
- #17-016 - Salt Creek Dialysis (Villa Park, Illinois)

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Dear Chair Olson and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I am writing to express my support of the Certificate of Need requests filed by DaVita Inc. and DuPage Medical Group, Ltd. for the development of new In-Center Hemodialysis facilities to provide life-sustaining dialysis treatment, education, and support for patients with kidney disease.

Before being referred to DuPage Medical Group I went to another medical facility. The doctors and specialist would use a "Knowledge Base" and treat the most extreme diagnosis first and not going after the actual cause of my complaint. It seemed like the doctors were not listening to me and were not using their brains to practice medicine. There was minimal communications between the medical staff and myself when it came to my treatment.

It was not until I went to DuPage Medical Group for treatment that a provider was able to correctly diagnose and address my medical needs. I applaud my DuPage Medical Group physician and support team for maintaining clear lines of communication regarding my diagnoses, treatments, and medications. They have an amazing policy when it comes to post-treatment follow-up. They were constantly calling or sending me a message to make sure I was doing well. With my DuPage Medical Group physician's assistance, I am on the road to recovery.

I was diagnosed with two kidney stones and was heading for complete renal failure. This made me a high risk for developing other health issues. I have witnessed first-hand the ability of DuPage Medical Group to manage my condition and organize ready access to the detailed medical information that is vital to my care. Dialysis is a very time intensive, emotionally draining process. DuPage Medical Group is now asking for the chance to bring its clinical and administrative practices to dialysis patients in the community.

I live approximately 30+ miles from my doctors and DuPage Medical Group and I believe patients should have more choice when selecting a dialysis facility aligned both clinically and administratively with DuPage Medical Group. For these reasons, I ask that the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board approve the dialysis facility applications submitted by DuPage Medical Group and DaVita.

Sincerely,



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